

Welcome Guests! We're glad you're here. Restrooms are available on the lower level of this building. Handicap accessible restrooms are in Fellowship Hall, next door. You're invited to enjoy refreshments at "coffee hour" in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. If you'd like more information about the church, please see the Welcome brochure in your pew back.

Hearing Assistance: Devices are available. Please ask a greeter to provide one.

Nursery Care: Nursery care provided downstairs for children 4 years old and under. Summer Bags available in the back of the church.

Sunday School: Sunday School is taking the summer off for school vacation! Youth are more than welcome to stay for the duration of the worship service each week. Sunday School will begin again for all youth ages 4 through 6th grade on September 8th. Please contact the church office to register for the year.

Exiting in Case of Emergency: In the event of an emergency, the front half of the church (nearest the altar) will exit through the two side doors. The back half of the church (nearest the foyer) will exit out the front doors and side ramp. The Deacons will assist those on the lower level to exit out the lower level back doors.

Pastoral Care: If you'd like to meet with a pastor, please call the office at 363-3758 Monday – Friday 9am-2pm. For emergency pastoral care after office hours and on weekends, you may reach one of the pastors by calling 207-358-9776. The pastors are available to make hospital visits and we invite you to let us know if you or a family member would like a visit. Due to hospital confidentiality regulations, the hospital will not inform us unless you ask them to do so.

Photos and Video: We regularly take photos and video for use in media. If you would prefer your/your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.



180 York Street, York, Maine 03909 ♦ 207-363-3758
office@firstparishyork.net ♦ www.firstparishyork.net



First Parish Church
Congregational
United Church of Christ

Welcome

Vision

Following the way of Jesus, we aspire to *authentically invite, courageously include, and generously serve* all with compassion and grace.

Mission

Following the way of Jesus, we celebrate *inspirational worship; create life-changing experiences* for children, youth, families, and individuals; and practice *meaningful congregational care*.

While *respecting our diversity, we courageously advocate* for justice and mercy, and *intentionally respond to the needs* of our community and the world.

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2019 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP

BAPTISM

** Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

Two Hymn Settings

“HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME” Arr., Diane Bish

“FAIREST LORD JESUS” Arr., Smith and Hustad

Shawn McCartee, piano

Wendell S. Purrington, organ

THE INVITATION God’s grace, mercy, and peace be with you. Rev. Estelle Margarones
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

(Candles will be lit as a sign of Christ's light in the world.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(responsive)*

Let us be together in the spirit of God's abundant love.

We welcome God's love and peace.

Let us absorb the joy of the moment and the hope of the future!

We are blessed that God calls beloved children!

***HOSPITALITY MOMENT**

“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”

(Please greet one another with a sign of God’s peace.)

***OPENING HYMN** “CALLED AS PARTNERS IN CHRIST’S SERVICE” No. 581

GATHERING PRAYER *(unison)*

Lord God, we know in our hearts that you are always with us. Awaken our minds to that truth. Help us to reflect your radiant love and may the light we shine be a path for others. We pray this in the name of your precious son Jesus, who taught us to pray saying...

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(unison)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

BAPTISM Connor Ramus – born November 11, 2018
son of Samuel Ramus and Haley Ramus
Calvin Ramus and Lyndsay Woods, Godparents

***COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION** *(unison)*

Into our fellowship of faith, we receive Connor Ramus. We promise to provide a school of Christian learning, personal concern for his spiritual welfare, and examples of charity and devotion. May God's Holy Spirit guide us so that he will come to see this church as his community of faith. To you and to Connor, we offer our Christian love and support.

SPECIAL MUSIC “GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS” Arr., Jack Schrader

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Gospel of Luke 10:38-42 N.T. page 62 Stephanie Guidetti

SERMON

HYMN “CHRIST BE MY LEADER” No. 453

OFFERING OUR GIFTS “MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN”
Arr., Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF COMMITMENT** No. 34

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!

***CLOSING HYMN** “BECAUSE HE LIVES” No. 447

THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE “GOD OF GRACE” Arr., Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Flowers are given in loving memory of Peggy Cooper by George Cooper and family.



THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, July 21st 9:30am Worship/Baptism
Monday, July 22nd 8am Zumba
Tuesday, July 23rd 8:30am Yoga
 5-7pm Table of Plenty
 7pm Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 24th 8:30am Zumba
Thursday, July 25th 8:30am Aerobics
 6pm Summer Concerts on the Green
Friday, July 26th 8:30am Aerobics
Saturday, July 27th 7am-8:30am Creation Care Committee-Beach Clean Up
 Youth Mission Trip Returns
Sunday, July 28th 9:30am Worship/Music provided by Bow Tie Guys and Terrie Ilaria and Karen Lynge
 10:30am Congregational Meeting

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, July 28 after worship.

New Book Group! Join Rev. Estelle in August as we read and discuss *The Life of the Beloved (Sacred Living in a Secular World)* by Henri Nouwen. We'll meet at the York Library on Wednesdays in August, more details to come. The book is available at Amazon and other online retailers.

Creation Care Committee: Beach Cleanup next Saturday, July 27 at 7AM. Meet at the Long Sands Bath House. Bring gloves, a bag/bucket/receptacle and maybe a pokey stick AND a friend! All ages welcome! We spend an hour or so. Beach Cleanups also planned Saturdays, August 17 and September 21.

New Compost Bin: Everyone is invited to use the compost bin just outside Fellowship Hall entrance. Acceptable items include: ALL FOOD SCRAPS: veggies, fruit, meat(!) minus stickers! Bones, shellfish, dairy, eggshells, coffee grounds/filters, paper napkins, plates, towels, floral trimmings/ flowers. Bring in a re-useable container and dump contents into bin. (NO PLASTIC!)

Summer Concerts on the Green: Joyce Andersen and Harvey Reid on Thursdays at 6pm July 11 – August 1.

First Parish Fall Village Faire is on! Save the Date October 12, 9am – 4pm. Please save Attic Treasures, Jewelry, Small Furniture (one person can carry) and Tools. More details to follow.

Weekly Creation Care Tip: Use a reusable water bottle. Even at a cost of \$1/bottle, reusable bottles can save you hundreds of dollars per year, not to mention the hundreds or thousands of disposable bottles it keeps out of landfills. (Source: Penn State Sustainability Institute: [//bit.ly.2sdfMz3](http://bit.ly.2sdfMz3)(//2sdfMz3)

Pastor Dan Hollis is away this week with the Senior High Mission Trip. He will be on vacation the following week and returning to work on Friday, August 2nd.

Ministers

*All the Members of the Congregation
 Leading Worship Today:
 Rev. Estelle Margarones*

Staff

*Wendell S. Purrington, Director of Music Ministries
 Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate
 Janet Cassidy, Church School Coordinator*

First Parish Church Lay Leaders

*Jan Jonas, Moderator
 Thom Kearns, Vice Moderator
 Ray Hamlin, Treasurer
 Susan Mancinelli, Clerk*

